In the Claims:

- 1.(currently amended) A hard surface cleaning and disinfecting composition which comprises:
 - (a) at least one cationic surfactant having germicidal properties;
 - (b) a tristyrylphenolethoxylate compound;
 - (c) optionally, one or more detersive surfactants particularly selected from carboxylate, nonionic, cationic and amphoteric surfactants;
 - (d) optionally, one or more organic solvents;
 - (e) water.
- 2.(original) A hard surface cleaning and disinfecting composition according to claim 1 which is characterized as being essentially free of (d) one or more organic solvents.
- 3.(original) A hard surface cleaning and disinfecting composition according to claim 1 which is characterized as being essentially free of (c) one or more detersive surfactants.
- 4.(original) A hard surface cleaning and disinfecting composition according to claim 1 which is characterized as being essentially free of both (c) one or more detersive surfactants and (d) one or more organic solvents.
- 5.(currently amended) A hard surface cleaning and disinfecting composition according to <u>claim 1</u> any preceding claim wherein the (a) cationic surfactant having germicidal properties is a quaternary ammonium compound.

6.(currently amended) A hard surface cleaning and disinfecting composition according to claim 1 any preceding claim wherein the (b) tristyrylphenolalkoxylate compound may be represented by the following structure:

wherein:

n is a value from 1 – 50; and, X represents one or more alkoxy groups.

- 7.(currently amended) The composition according to claim 6 wherein X represents one or more ethoxy (-OCH₂CH₂-) <u>or</u> <u>and/or</u> propoxy (-OCH₂CH₂CH₂-) groups.
- 8.(original) The composition according to claim 7 wherein n has a value from 1 40.
- 9.(currently amended) A hard surface cleaning and disinfecting composition according to claim 1, 3 or 5 wherein the composition contains (d) one or more organic solvents are selected from: alcohols, ethers glycol ethers, lower esters of monoalkylethers of ethylene glycol or propylene glycol, as well as mixtures thereof.

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10.(currently amended) A hard surface cleaning and disinfecting composition according to claim 1, 2, or 5 wherein the composition contains (c) one or more detersive surfactants are selected from carboxylate, nonionic, cationic and amphoteric surfactants.

11.(canceled)